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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
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For: **PROCESS FOR PREPARING  
SUBSTITUTED PYRIDINES**

Group Art Unit: 1625

Examiner: DAVID, ZINNA  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments to the specification and claims be considered prior to examination on the merit.

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